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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), PINT, NU

SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR TODMAN

REF: MANAGUA 0306

1. REFTEL HAS PROVOKED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN DEPT.
WHILE DECISION TO RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT OF AMB. TODMAN'S
VISIT MUST ESSENTIALLY BE THAT OF EMBASSY, SUCH AN ACT
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INTERPRETED BY SOME AS A SERIOUS
DETERIORATION IN THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND/OR SECURITY
SITUATIONS AND MIGHT HAVE IMPORTANT REPERCUSSIONS.

2. DEPT. REQUESTS AMBASSADOR CONTACT SOMOZA DIRECTLY
ASAP TO VERIFY INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL THAT SOMOZA'S
UNOFFICIAL POSITION ON TODMAN VISIT IS THAT IT WOULD BE
"PRUDENT" TO CANCEL.

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3. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF SOMOZA'S
POSITION, ONCE IT IS ARTICULATED BY HIM. IF SOMOZA
INDEED BELIEVES THE TODMAN VISIT SHOULD BE POSTPONED,
DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF SOMOZA'S
MOTIVES.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION TO POSTPONE VISIT WILL BE
HELD UP PENDING RECEIPT OF EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO THIS
CABLE BUT DEPT. WILL CONTINUE TO RELY ON EMBASSY JUDGMENT
ON THIS POINT. VANCE

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